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Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

At the just-concluded general debate of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, a very few countries once again raised the so-called issues of "Taiwan's representation in the United Nations" and "peace in the Taiwan Straits". We strongly condemn and firmly oppose such an act of brazenly using the forum of the United Nations to grossly encroach on China's internal affairs. I have been instructed to solemnly state China's position as follows:

1. There is only one China in the world and Taiwan has been an inseparable part of China's territory since antiquity. China's sovereignty and territorial integrity brook no division. The one-China principle has been recognized by the overwhelming majority of the Member States of the United Nations and the international community as well. This is an objective fact nobody can change.

The issue of China's representation in the United Nations has long been solved once and for all. In 1971, the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session adopted, by an overwhelming majority, the historic resolution 2758 (XXVI), which stipulated unequivocally that the representatives of the Government of the People's Republic of China are the only legitimate representatives of China to the United Nations. Since Taiwan is part of China's territory, China's representation in the United Nations naturally covers Taiwan. There is simply no such thing as the so-called issue of "Taiwan's representation in the United Nations". The United Nations is an intergovernmental organization composed of sovereign States. As a part of China, Taiwan is not eligible to participate, in whatever name and under whatever pretext, in the United Nations and its specialized agencies. Thus the General Committee of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly has once again rejected the inclusion of this issue and the issue of so-called "peace in the Taiwan Straits" in the agenda of the General Assembly on 12 September of this year. This has once again reflected the aspiration and determination of the vast number of Member States to safeguard the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and resolution 2758 (XXVI).

2. The Chinese Government has consistently advocated and adhered to the fundamental principle of "peaceful reunification and one country, two systems" and "the Eight-point Proposition on the Development of Cross-Straits Relations and the Promotion of the Peaceful Reunification of the Motherland". Since the beginning of last year, the Chinese Government has taken a series of important steps to further

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promote cross-Straits exchanges and cooperation and achieve peaceful and stable development of cross-Straits relations. In April of this year, "the Cross-Straits Forum on Economic and Trade Affairs" was held successfully in Beijing. Chinese President Hu Jintao set forth a four-point guideline on enhancing peaceful development of cross-Straits relations, including adherence to the "1992 Consensus", bringing more specific benefits to the compatriots on both sides of the Straits, reinforcing mutually beneficial and win-win exchanges and cooperation and conducting consultations on an equal footing. We have announced policies and measures on how to further strengthen cross-Straits exchanges and cooperation and improve the well-being of the Taiwan compatriots, which have produced positive impacts on the promotion of peaceful and stable development of cross-Straits relations. These policies and measures have been warmly acclaimed by the Taiwan compatriots and widely approved by the international community. It has been amply proved that the entire Chinese people, including the compatriots across the Straits, ardently favour increasing cross-Straits exchanges, jointly maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits and generating benefits to people on both sides of the Straits.

3. Over the past year, thanks to the joint efforts of the compatriots on both sides of the Straits, the situation in the Taiwan Straits has witnessed more positive elements in curbing the secessionist activities for "Taiwan independence", and cross-Straits relations have gained momentum towards peace and stability. However, the Taiwan authorities have obstinately acted against the aspirations of the people on both sides of the Straits, stuck to their secessionist position for "Taiwan independence", tried their utmost to disrupt and damage the development of cross-Straits relations and accelerated their secessionist activities in the world in an attempt to create "one country on each side" and "one China, one Taiwan". Since the beginning of this year, Chen Shui-bien has once again dished out a set of well-planned proposals for "Taiwan independence", brazenly announced his decision to cease the functioning of the "National Unification Council" and cease the application of the "National Unification Guidelines", and speeded up his efforts to push for "de jure Taiwan independence" through "constitutional re-engineering". The root cause for the tension in the Taiwan Straits has yet to be removed, and the secessionist activities for "Taiwan independence" remain the biggest obstacle to cross-Straits relations. If not curbed in time, they will cause serious tension in cross-Straits relations and threaten peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region. We resolutely oppose "Taiwan independence" and will not tolerate "Taiwan independence" secessionists to split Taiwan away from China in any name and by any means.

Safeguarding State sovereignty and territorial integrity and realizing complete national reunification at an early date is the common aspiration and strong will of the 1.3 billion Chinese people, including our Taiwan compatriots. Nobody nor any force can change or stop it.

I have the honour to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 109.

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